



School-Home Connection • Lesson 14

A child who listens carefully at home will be a good listener at school.

Your child is reading "Rain Forest Babies" by Kathy Darling and a zoo website article. In these selections, children are learning about some animals and their babies that live in tropical rainforests.

Words to Know

interesting **touch** **sweat**
thumb **care** **father**

Reading Sentences Ask your child to read each sentence aloud to you and to say another sentence that could follow it.

- It is **interesting** to learn about animals.
- Skin has **sweat** on it.
- Mother and **father** birds take **care** of their babies.
- I can **touch** each finger with my **thumb**.



Read Together



Encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes outside of class each day. Look for these books at your local library.

- **Life in a Rain Forest** by Carol K. Lindeen. Capstone, 2004.
- **Here Is the Tropical Rain Forest** by Madeleine Dunphy. Web of Life, 2006.
- **Marsh Music** by Marianne Berkes. Millbrook, 2000.

Everyday Writing

Paragraph Ask your child to write a sentence about one of the animals he or she learned about this week. Then have your child write a few more sentences to tell more information about the animal. Listen as your child reads aloud the completed paragraph. Tell what you can picture about the animal. Your child may add a drawing to go with the paragraph and tell you about the details shown.



Pygmy Marmoset

Let's Talk About...

Animals Use these discussion starters with your child to discuss "Rain Forest Babies."

- Your child read about birds of the rain forests of Central and South America. Discuss how these birds are different from ones in your neighborhood.
- A baby elephant of the rain forest weighs 300 pounds at birth. What else weighs 300 pounds?
- Animals have ways to protect themselves from harm. Discuss ways different animals protect themselves.